

CARRANZA PLEASED WITH NOTE

MORMON COLONY IS STILL CUT OFF FROM THE BORDER

But Its Members Are under the Protection of a Carranza Garrison.

SOLDIERS WILL GO TO IT

Standing Order Urging Americans to Stay Out of Mexico May Be Renewed.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—State department agents along the border reported today that General Carranza has received the American government's note, accepting his proposal for a reciprocal agreement for the pursuit of outlaws and is favorably impressed with it.

The state department was formally advised of the receipt by General Carranza of the reply sent yesterday to his proposals for a reciprocal agreement as to the pursuit of bandits along the border. Unofficial information reached the department that the American note was favorably received by General Carranza but the official messages made no comment on that point.

The department has not renewed its standing order urging Americans to stay out of Mexico for the time being but it was indicated that the attention of consuls in Mexico might be again directed to those instructions. It is assumed that Consul Cananda at Vera Cruz acted under the standing order in urging Americans to leave the interior of Mexico as reported in news despatches. The state department had no advice in that connection.

Although protected by a Carranza garrison, the Mormon colony at Casas Grandes in the heart of Villa's territory is cut off from the border by a break in the railroad undoubtedly made by one of the Villa bands. One of the first movements of the American forces probably will be in that direction. Carranza officials have maintained that their force was sufficient to protect the colonists.

The disposition of the American troops along the border and the plans of General Funston were explained fully at Tuesday's cabinet meeting by Secretary Baker, who pointed out on maps the concentration points and routes.

Secretary Baker informed the cabinet that troops were ready to move at any time but he had no word yet that they had crossed the border.

RIGID CENSORSHIP IS ORDERED BY FUNSTON

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 14.—A rigid censorship was ordered established at Columbus, N. M., Tuesday by Major General Funston. He instructed Brigadier General Pershing, commanding there, to take charge of telegraph office, watch all automobile routes and guard telephone wires out of the town. This action was taken to prevent news of the troop movements leaking out in press despatches.

General Funston said newspaper reporters from New Mexico had been revealing every movement of troops, the disposition of the forces and the amount of their equipment.

"There was no use trying to conceal our plans here, while there was a leak on the border," he explained. "We had to act."

It was indicated that if the censorship was evaded martial law might be the next step in controlling the news situation at Columbus.

MRS. DEEM RECOVERING.

Mrs. James M. Deem who had been a patient at a local hospital for several weeks where she underwent a surgical operation was taken to her home Tuesday morning. Mrs. Deem is much improved and it is thought she will be entirely well in a short time.

MR. DAVIS IMPROVED.

The condition of John J. Davis, critically ill at his home on Lee street, is slightly improved. He rested well Monday night.

NOTED MAN IS TO SPEAK HERE

Dr. Crafts of the Industrial Reform Bureau Will Come to the City.

Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, of Washington, who is to address a men's mass meeting next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the First Methodist Episcopal church, is superintendent of the International Reform Bureau. The following ten acts passed by Congress were introduced at the request of the Reform Bureau and under the leadership of the statesmen named below, were pushed to final success:

- 1. Gillett act to break up "divorce colonies" in territories.
- 2. Broderick act to double penalty for seduction of girls under twenty-one years of age.
- 3. Hepburn act to prevent importation and exportation of obscene matter.
- 4. Smith-Lodge act to prohibit sale of opium in Philippines, save as medicine.

VILLA NOW ENCIRCLED BY CARRANZA TROOPS

TO RECONSIDER BILLS.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Sufrage still may come before the House for a vote this session. By a unanimous vote the House Judiciary committee Tuesday decided to reconsider on March 28 the vote by which it recently postponed consideration of all suffrage proposals until December 15.

TO THE NUMBER OF 15,000 AND CARRANZA COMMANDER SEES NO CHANCE FOR ESCAPE.

EL PASO, Tex., March 14.—Francisco Villa, heading south from Galeana, is now encircled by Carranza troops, according to advices from General Luis Gutierrez, commander in chief of Chihuahua, Tuesday. With 15,000 men in Chihuahua and heavy reinforcements on their way, he thinks Villa has small chance to escape.

General Gutierrez arrived in Jaurez early in the day and later conferred with General Gaviro, the local commander, and Comar Garcia, in El Paso. Afterward General Gutierrez gave out a statement that besides the troops holding points and maintaining patrols five columns of 1,200 men each are closing up on the bandit chief under the respective command of Gutierrez himself and Generals Luis Herrera, Rafael Maldonado and Benjamin Garza and Jose Cabazos.

Villa is now moving south of Galeana. General Garza sent a new cavalry detachment after him Monday night from Abumada on the east in addition to the force sent yesterday from Laguna to the south of Ahumada.

While the cavalry forces are moving in from the east the command of 900 men at Santa Anna under Colonel Cano is believed at the Jaurez headquarters to be sufficient to check any attempt by Villa to escape to the south up the canyon of the Santa Maria river.

A despatch received Tuesday from Colonel Nieto Macia at Pearson stated that Villa carried a large number of wounded with him in wagons through Galeana. The Mexicans at Casas Grandes, he said, feel secure and have no desire to be taken out of the country. He also confirmed the news of the safety of Mrs. Wright's child, kidnapped by Villa and found at the Cornes Valles ranch.

MR. BARGER

Reengages in the Life Insurance Business with Headquarters in Fairmont.

Walter Barger, of Fairmont, former resident of the city, is a prominent visitor here. A few years ago he acted as local agent for the International Life Insurance Company, of St. Louis, and later became its field agent in the West. Still later he was associated with the International company again as special agent for West Virginia and Pennsylvania with headquarters at Fairmont at present.

Mr. Barger is a live wire in the insurance business or any other in which he engages and the company can count on him to make good in his new position.

COUNTY COURT

Looks after Several Items of Business of Interest to the General Public.

All the members are in attendance at the sessions of the county court. The court has qualified E. L. Powell as a notary public. Exonerations were granted the sheriff on two pool and billiard licenses. The court appointed itself and the county road engineer to view sites for bridges across Ann Moore's run and Davisson's run and to determine the advisability of opening the old Knight road again. Charles A. Damiano qualified as a notary public.

H. Grace Martin qualified as committee for Elizabeth Martin with bond at \$100 and Finley Oakes surety.

CRIMINAL COURT

In March Term Here is Busy Now with the Trial of Cases Therein.

George Walker is on trial in the criminal court charged with receiving liquor unlawfully from a common carrier.

U. G. Cooper was found guilty of retailing liquor and Richard Mosby was found guilty of carrying a revolver without a license.

Mosby was fined \$50 and sentenced to serve six months in jail and on the roads.

The Walker case went to the jury the middle of the afternoon, and Bruno Flori Buccafurno was placed on trial charged with selling liquor.

REPORTS PRESENTED.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Austria has presented to the United States reports of two instances in which it is charged Austria merchant ships were torpedoed without warning by Allied submarines, presumably British.

PASSES BILL.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 14.—The assembly Tuesday by a vote of 109 to 30 passed the Brereton bill designed to provide for another referendum on the woman suffrage question in 1917. Announcement of the result was accompanied by a demonstration by a large delegation of suffragists, who crowded the assembly chamber.

TO SIDETRACK

All Other Business is Congress in Favor of Preparedness Measures.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—In keeping with the president's desire to have all preparedness measures rushed through Congress, the House rules committee today appointed a committee to confer with Speaker Clark on side-tracking all other business after passing the free sugar repeal in favor of the army bill.

An agreement was expected before night. If the plan carries, the army bill may be before the House by Friday.

The immigration bill now is slated to come up for discussion before the army bill and any attempt to postpone consideration of the former is expected to encounter objection from Chairman Burnett of the immigration committee and other friends of the bill.

Besides appointing the subcommittee, the rules committee drew a rule to provide twenty-four hours debate and night sessions on the army bill.

In the Senate Monday's outburst against prolonged delay in considering defense measures served to arouse senators generally to hasten their work.

PITTSBURG RATE

On Iron and Steel Articles to the Pacific Coast is Fixed at Sixty-Five Cents.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Transcontinental railroads were authorized today by the Interstate Commerce Commission to establish a rate of sixty-five cents a hundred pounds from Pittsburgh territory to Pacific coast ports on iron and steel articles now taking a rate of fifty-five cents per hundred pounds from Chicago to the same ports. The announcement was made here today the real center of the steel industry and that the rate adjustment from there to the Pacific coast should be such as to in some measure compete with the rail and ocean rates via the Panama canal.

TO MOVE

To the City of Charleston at Once is the Wayland Oil and Gas Company.

CHARLESTON, March 14.—Unofficial announcement has been made that the general offices of the Wayland Oil and Gas Company will be moved at once from Clarksville to Charleston. This company is one of the biggest of the independent oil and gas companies in this part of the country. Former United States Senator, Clarence W. Watson formed it more than a year ago. It operates under the laws of West Virginia. It owns valuable property in Lincoln county and expects to acquire more in that part of the state.

It is said that by deals closed last week the company acquired large tracts of territory in both Gilmer and Doddridge counties and will develop them this year.

LAST LOOK

At the Features of Henry G. Davis is Taken by His Old Friends at Elkins.

ELKINS, March 14.—Old friends and former associates of Senator Henry Gassaway Davis are this afternoon taking a last look at the features of their former citizen, whose body lies in state at Graceland, for nearly thirty years the home of the Davis family. The funeral party arrived at Elkins by special train over the Coal and Coke railway at 1 o'clock and was met at the depot by a thousand or more citizens who stood with bared heads while the body was being taken from the car. The body was immediately taken to Graceland, where it will lie in state until 1 o'clock tomorrow when funeral services will be held at Davis Memorial Presbyterian church, which was erected by Senator Davis as a memorial to his parents.

ASQUITH IS ILL.

LONDON, March 14.—An official bulletin has been issued stating that H. H. Asquith, the British premier, is suffering from bronchial catarrh.

GERMAN TROOPS CHECKED BY THE FRENCH AT VERDUN

Ellis A. Yost is Seeking Nomination for Treasurer

According to an Official Announcement Given Out in the City of Paris.

TEUTONS ARE DRIVEN BACK

Artillery Activity Continues and the Cannonading is Fairly Violent Now.

PARIS, March 14.—Last night saw a continuance of the artillery activity on the Verdun front. West of the Meuse the cannonading was fairly violent and a reconnaissance on the part of the Germans in the wood of Haudremont was checked by the French, according to official announcement made in Paris today.

There was severe cannonading near Van and also in the Woevre district.

In the wood of LePretre a German detachment advancing on a French trench was driven back.

RAID REPORTS

Cause the Town of Naco in Arizona to Be Placed under Arms at Night.

NACO, Ariz., March 14.—Naco was under arms during the night as the result of reports from sources considered reliable that a raid on the town was planned for the early morning hours. Women, children and valuables were hurried from the border. Early today all was quiet.

Following reports last night that Villa sympathizers at Cananea, Sonora, were threatening trouble, the wires between that town and the border were cut.

The authorities here also were informed that several pieces of artillery were discovered hidden in a house at Nogales, Sonora, and that Mexican soldiers had been seen carrying what appeared to be ammunition to the house.

GERMAN STATEMENT

Of War Operations Contains Nothing of Importance as to Developments.

BERLIN, March 14.—No important developments along the western front are recorded in the official statement of today which says: "A British aeroplane was shot down by Lieutenant Immelmann, east of Arras, and one west of Bapaume. The occupants were killed. Lieutenant Boelcke brought down two enemy aeroplanes which fell behind the French lines near Malancourt. By these achievements, these officers have put hors de combat their tenth and eleventh enemy aeroplanes respectively.

"A British biplane was compelled to land west of Cambria after an aerial fight. Its occupants were captured.

"Eastern and Balkan theaters.—There is nothing to report."

TAFT

And Six Other Former Presidents of American Association Make Protest.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Former President Taft and six other former presidents of the American Bar Association, Tuesday protested to the Senate Judiciary subcommittee against confirmation of the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for the supreme court. The others were Simon E. Baldwin, Francis Rawle, Joseph H. Choate, Elihu Root, Moorefield Story and Peter W. Mel-drum.

The first six sent a letter stating that they felt "under the painful duty to say to you that in their opinion taking into view the reputation, character and professional career of Louis D. Brandeis, he is not a fit person to be a member of the supreme court of the United States."

ENVER PASHA

May Have Been Assassinated but the Turkish Legation Does Not Know It.

ATHENS, March 14.—The Turkish legation, which hitherto has denied absolutely the reports which have been in circulation concerning the assassination of Enver Pasha, Turkish minister of war, made this announcement Tuesday: "We have no official advices concerning Enver Pasha."

CONDITION IMPROVED.

The condition of Edmund Denham, who has heart trouble is said to be slightly improved. It was regarded serious Monday.

URGES QUICK ACTION.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—President Wilson urged Chairman Padgett of the House naval committee today to hurry the Navy bill. Mr. Padgett told the president that the hearings probably would be ended in two weeks.

TO MAKE AMENDS.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Unofficial advices received here today indicate that Germany will make complete amends to the United States if it is found that a German submarine torpedoed the Norwegian bark Silius, from which seven Americans were rescued in Havre roads.

LEADING REPUBLICAN SAYS THERE IS NO DOUBT OF HIS POPULARITY.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—There isn't the least doubt as to Judge Ira Robinson's popularity with the Republicans of Randolph county, said William Dann, wealthy merchant and influential Republican party man at the Willard. "He will be accorded a very large majority by the voters in the primary next June. The same thing can be said of the party sentiment as to Judge Robinson in the counties contiguous to Randolph. The opposition to Judge Robinson is probably noisier than it is numerous or strong. Certain it is, in my humble judgment, founded on a decidedly false promise, and one that will collapse of its own palpable weakness before many weeks pass by. When the interest of the voters is aroused to that degree, as it will be, when they will take up the matter of selection conscientiously, patriotically and in a business like way those who have planned their faith to the absurd sophistry that Judge Robinson is any man's man, that he capable of control except in what he considers right and for the common welfare, will be the most chastened and humiliated lot of politicians that West Virginia has beheld in many a day.